

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A device for positioning and lifting a marine ~~structure~~,  
~~particularly a platform deck, with the use of~~ structure with a U-shaped ballastable lifting  
vessel (1), ~~characterised by the device~~ comprising

at least two adjustable lifting frames (12,12), each able to incline towards the middle  
of the ~~decking area~~ U-shape of the lifting vessel (1), ~~as each of the lifting frames (12) consists~~  
~~of an~~ respectively comprising upper horizontal lifting beams (13), ~~preferably situated on a~~  
~~level above the top of the lifting vessel (1), a,~~ near-vertical support structures (16) ~~which in~~  
~~its~~ with upper ends respectively is connected to the lifting beams (13) and ~~which in its~~ lower  
ends respectively is hinged (21) to the lifting vessel (1), and a near-horizontal parts (18)  
~~which in its~~ having first ends respectively is connected to the lifting beams (13) and ~~which in~~  
~~its~~ second ends is adjustably connected to the lifting vessel (1).

2. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one  
of the upper horizontal lifting beams (13) is covered with an external shock absorbing cover  
(14).

3. (previously presented) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that the  
shock absorbing cover (14) is made of rubber.

4. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one  
of the lifting beams (13) is provided with hydraulic cylinders (30) in pre-defined lifting point  
positions.

5. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the lifting beams (13) is provided with sand-filled cylinders (35) in pre-defined lifting point positions ~~as the sand-filled cylinders (35) co-operate~~ for co-operation with the corresponding conical tubular stubs (37) on ~~the~~ a platform deck of the lifting vessel.

6. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical ~~part~~ support structures (16) ~~is~~ has a truss structure.

7. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) ~~is~~ has a truss structure.

8. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) ~~of to~~ to the lifting vessel (1) ~~is in the form of~~ comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on the lifting vessel (1).

9. (currently amended) A device according to claim 1, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical ~~part~~ support structures (16) ~~in an area above the hinge point (21) is~~ equipped with has adjustable hydraulic arms (20) connected to the lifting vessel (1).

10. (new) A device according to claim 1, wherein the upper horizontal lifting beams (13) are above a top of the lifting vessel (1).

11. (new) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has a truss structure.
12. (new) A device according to claim 4, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has a truss structure.
13. (new) A device according to claim 5, characterised in that at least one of the near-vertical support structures (16) has a truss structure.
14. (new) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
15. (new) A device according to claim 4, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
16. (new) A device according to claim 5, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
17. (new) A device according to claim 6, characterised in that at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) has a truss structure.
18. (new) A device according to claim 2, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) to the lifting vessel (1) comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on

the lifting vessel (1).

19. (new) A device according to claim 4, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) to the lifting vessel (1) comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on the lifting vessel (1).

20. (new) A device according to claim 5, characterised in that the adjustable connection of at least one of the near-horizontal parts (18) to the lifting vessel (1) comprises a hydraulically operated bolt (9) inserted into a corresponding hole (8) in a guiding rail (7) on the lifting vessel (1).